

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

May 4, 2005  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on May 4, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Board Member Roll Call**

Present: Marie Barrett, Jeffrey Hays, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Maurice Martinez, Gregory Pettis, Ellen Way, and Nancy Wright

**2. Staff Present**

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso, Liann Chavez, Jose Cortez, Ron Falkowski, Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, Kristie Garcia, Abdi Haile, Christina Hernandez, Chris Igbinedion, Cecilia Irwin, Kirk Larkin, Michele Ochs, Robert Perdue, Ivory Reyburn, Maribel Rodriguez, Jonathan Rokke, Jennie Snyder, Joan Stormo, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Vu and Doug Wylie

**3. Others Present**

Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Sergio Cabanas, Heber Field Company – Ormat  
Arlene B. Chun, RCFC & WCD  
Sue Cox, USEPA  
Catherine George, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC  
Joel Hamby, City of Westmorland  
Christy Huss, Pinyon Pines County Water District  
Tom Huss, Pinyon Pines County Water District  
Ray Kolisz, Twentynine Palms Water District  
Jesus Montano, EPA – Torres Martinez  
Robert Nicklen, Private Citizen  
David Oville, Heber Field Company – Ormat  
Nancy Woo, USEPA

**4. Minutes**

Meeting of March 10, 2005

**MOTION:** Mr. Martinez moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

## 5. Public Forum

No one from the public chose to speak.

## 6. Resolution No. R7-2005-0064: Completion of the 2004 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan

The public hearing was opened.

The appropriate oath was taken by those planning to testify.

Abdi Haile, Regional Board staff, provided an overview of the Triennial Review Process.

Jose Angel, Regional Board staff, informed the Board of several revisions needed within the workplan.

The Regional Board requested an update on this matter be provided at the September 2005 Board Meeting.

Robert Perdue, Regional Board Executive Officer, recommended adoption of Resolution No. R7-2005-0064.

The public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hays moved, Mr. Pettis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2005-0064, including revisions noted by Mr. Angel, be approved.

## 7. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

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| R7-2005-0017 | Food Pro International, Owner/Operator, Food Processing, Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal Systems – Holtville, Imperial County (New Order) |
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| R7-2005-0063 | Heber Field Company, Owner/Ormat Nevada, Inc., Operator, Orcal Geothermal, Inc., Landowner, Wellfield Basins and Mud Sumps – Heber Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA), Imperial County (Updated Order) |
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**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Pettis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2005-0017 and R7-2005-0063, including the errata, be adopted.

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| R7-2005-0062 | City of Westmorland, Owner/Operator, Free Water Surface Constructed Wetlands – Westmorland, Imperial County (New Order) |
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**MOTION:** Mr. Pettis moved, Mr. Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Order No. R7-2005-0062, including the errata, be adopted.

**NOTE:** Ms. Barrett and Mr. Lesicka recused themselves from participating in or voting on adoption of Proposed Order No. R7-2005-0062.

**8. Kuhn Farms**

Jim Kuhn discussed disposal methodology for the Kuhn Farms Facility.

The Board requested the General Dairy Order be brought before the Board for discussion at a future Board Meeting.

**9. Informational Update on Border Pollution**

Nancy Woo, USEPA, and Sue Cox, USEPA, provided an update on EPA-supported wastewater projects in Mexicali, Baja California.

**10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report**

Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, stated that John Carmona, Regional Board staff would submit a written staff report regarding the standardization of NPDES permits.

Mr. Perdue reported that during reorganization, Region 7 developed a separate Enforcement Unit.

Mr. Perdue reported that he issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC) in the amount of \$18,000.00 to the City of El Centro, and an ACLC in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the City of Niland.

**11. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments**

Ms. Wright reported her attendance at the New River Tour, Clean Water Act Conference, Chair's Meeting, and Agricultural Tour.

Mr. Pettis reported his attendance at the Torres Martinez Wetlands Groundbreaking Ceremony.

**12. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.